

HOUSE BILL 449

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to accountability.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

The office of research and education accountability (OREA) in the office of the comptroller of the treasury shall study the Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTI²) framework and shall report on the effectiveness of its implementation in elementary schools since the 2014-2015 school year. In its report, the OREA shall make findings as to whether the RTI² framework has reduced the number of elementary school students receiving special education services in this state and whether local education agencies are providing elementary schools with trained, equipped, and accessible RTI² support teams necessary to provide students with the instruction and intervention practices necessary for success under the RTI² framework. The comptroller of the treasury shall report the findings and conclusions of the OREA's study to the members of the education committee of the senate and the education administration and planning committee of the house of representatives no later than July 1, 2018.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.